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Chapter I
Introduction

1. The Committee on Relations with the Host Country was established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 2819 (XXVI) of 15 December 1971. The General Assembly, by its resolution 63/130 of 11 December 2008, decided to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-fourth session the item entitled "Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country". The present report is submitted pursuant to resolution 63/130.

2. The report consists of four chapters. The recommendations and conclusions of the Committee are contained in chapter IV.

Chapter II

Membership, composition, terms of reference and organization of the work of the Committee

3. The Committee is composed of 19 members, as follows:

Bulgaria	Iraq
Canada	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
China	Malaysia
Costa Rica	Mali
Côte d'Ivoire	Russian Federation
Cuba	Senegal
Cyprus	Spain
France	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Honduras	United States of America
Hungary	

4. The Bureau of the Committee consists of the Chairperson, the three Vice-Chairpersons, the Rapporteur and a representative of the host country who attends Bureau meetings ex officio. During the reporting period, the Bureau was composed as follows:

Chairperson:

Minas Hadjimichael (Cyprus)

Vice-Chairpersons:

Branimir S. Zaimov (Bulgaria)
Randy Kondo (Canada) — Keith Morill (Canada)
Guillaume Bailly-Niagri (Côte d'Ivoire)

Rapporteur:

Marcela Calderón (Costa Rica)

5. At its 243rd meeting, the Committee was informed of the departure of Randy Kondo (Canada), who had served as a Vice-Chairman. The Committee welcomed Keith Morill (Canada) to serve as Vice-Chairman.

6. The terms of reference of the Committee were determined by the General Assembly in its resolution 2819 (XXVI). In May 1992, the Committee adopted, and in March 1994 slightly modified, a detailed list of topics for its consideration, which is set out in annex I to the present report. The Committee issued two documents during the reporting period (see annex II).

7. During the reporting period, the Committee held the following meetings: the 241st meeting, on 12 March 2009; the 242nd meeting, on 16 June 2009; the 243rd meeting, on 2 October 2009; and the 244th meeting, on 2 November 2009.

Chapter III
Topics dealt with by the Committee

A. Transportation: use of motor vehicles, parking and related matters

8. At the 241st meeting, the representative of France expressed concerns over the increase in the number of parking fines issued, in particular to the driver of the Permanent Representative, when the driver was double parked with the engine running in front of the Permanent Representative's residence. He noted that, on many occasions, the ticket was not issued to the driver of the vehicle but mailed to the Mission. He emphasized that, while he was aware of the concerns of the host country authorities to ensure that traffic moved smoothly, the way in which fines were issued, as well as the increase in the number of fines issued, was not appropriate, and he thus wished to draw the Committee's attention to this problem. He stressed that the Mission respected parking rules and did pay fines. He hoped, however, that a reasonable solution to the problem could be found.

9. The representative of the Russian Federation agreed with the points made by the representative of France. He commented that his Mission had consistently maintained that the implementation of the Parking Programme for Diplomatic Vehicles (Diplomatic Parking Programme) by the host country authorities was not always in accordance with the established norms applicable to diplomats.

10. The representatives of Bulgaria and Cyprus pointed out that they had also had experiences similar to that of the representative of France.

11. The observer of Mongolia stated that his Mission had had five parking incidents with respect to an official Mission vehicle bearing the appropriate decal parked in the space allocated to the Mission. One of the incidents had been dismissed on 23 February 2009. The observer stated that this issue was problematic for small missions and requested the host country to fulfil its commitments under the applicable legal instruments.

12. The representative of the host country stated that it was committed to implementing the Diplomatic Parking Programme. He noted that the United States Mission received reports from the New York City authorities on the outstanding parking tickets and stated that there had not been a significant increase in the number of tickets issued. He assured the Committee that the host country authorities would look into the concerns raised by the representatives of Bulgaria, Cyprus and France with a view to resolving them in accordance with the Diplomatic Parking Programme and the international obligations of the host country. He added that it was impossible to make available allocated parking spaces at the residences of Permanent Representatives since many Permanent Representatives resided in apartment buildings where parking was limited. He informed the Committee that a meeting would be held with the New York City Commission to go over the concerns raised and see whether they could be resolved in accordance with the Diplomatic Parking Programme and New York City and New York State traffic laws. The New York City Commissioner for the United Nations, Consular Corps and Protocol added that the incidents raised by the representatives of Cyprus and France had not been brought to the attention of the New York City Commission, and requested that all missions bring such issues to the attention of the New York City Commission so that it could work with the Permanent Missions to find a solution.

13. At the 243rd meeting, the representative of Cuba expressed concern over a ticket issued to its vehicle bearing diplomatic plates located in front of the Cuban Mission. She explained that the vehicle was unable to park in the space allotted to the Mission because a New York City police vehicle was parked there. She said the driver was parked with the engine running and vehicle lights on in order to show that he was parking only temporarily in order to pick up a Cuban Mission official. Despite this, a police officer issued a ticket to the driver and did not permit the driver to explain the situation. She requested the host country authorities to take the necessary steps to ensure that this would not happen again and to cancel the fine. She stated that the United States Mission had been informed of the problem and that her Mission had submitted a parking violation response form as recommended by the United States Mission.

14. The representative of Mali expressed concern over the fact that its vehicles had been issued tickets for illegal parking. He stated that his Mission was able to fit three vehicles into the space in front of his Mission. The representative of Mali asked if it was possible to park vehicles properly registered as vehicles of the Mission bearing diplomatic plates but without a decal, so long as the number of vehicles parked in front of the Mission was limited to three.

15. The representative of the host country in response to the representative of Cuba stated that the United States Mission suggested that Cuba wait to see the outcome of its contesting the ticket, as the ticket could very well be dismissed. In response to the representative of Mali, the representative of the host country explained that under the Diplomatic Parking Programme every delegation, large or small, is allocated two parking spaces and that vehicles using those spaces are required to display a delivery or service decal to avoid being ticketed.

16. The representative of the host country added that while there was goodwill towards finding a solution to parking problems, parking in Manhattan was limited. He said that the host country worked with many missions to facilitate solutions to issues and problems encountered. He explained that the comprehensive Diplomatic Parking Programme was negotiated seven years previously, that it was very carefully crafted by the State Department and New York City, and that it was submitted to the United Nations to ensure that it did not contravene host country obligations. He said the focus of the Diplomatic Parking Programme was to ensure that each mission was treated equally. He suggested discussing issues falling under the Diplomatic Parking Programme with the Mali representative after the meeting.

B. Acceleration of immigration and customs procedures

17. At the 241st meeting, the representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya expressed concerns regarding the procedures for security inspections at airports. He asked for the reasons which had led to increased security inspection procedures and what steps could be taken to avoid them in the future.

18. The representative of the host country expressed understanding of the concerns raised by the representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and explained that the "SSSS" placed on certain boarding passes was generated by computer and entered on boarding passes for various reasons. When a diplomat's boarding pass contained such an entry, the diplomat should raise the matter in accordance with the procedure outlined in the note verbale of the United States Mission on the subject with the

Transportation Security Administration (TSA) screening supervisor on duty at the airport terminal in question.

19. The observer of the Islamic Republic of Iran raised the issue of screening procedures at John F. Kennedy International Airport. He stated that its diplomats were subjected to rigorous inspection procedures at the airport and recalled that he had raised this matter at the 240th meeting of the Committee. He also stated that the host country authorities had responded that measures had been taken to address the issue, in particular, that diplomats accredited to the United Nations would be exempt from double screening procedures. However, when the matter was brought to the attention of a TSA supervisor, he simply apologized and stated that they had to apply those procedures.

20. The representative of the host country responded that when a diplomat had a problem at the airport he should contact the TSA screening supervisor at that terminal. The matter should also be brought to the attention of the United States Mission so that it could contact the relevant authorities at the airport. He stated that diplomats were honoured guests and should be treated accordingly. However, the diplomatic note which outlined the procedures did not exempt diplomats from inspection procedures as such procedures were necessary for the protection of all passengers.

21. The observer of the Islamic Republic of Iran clarified that his Mission simply wished to have the same procedure apply to all missions without discrimination. He stated that he did not expect an exemption from the inspection procedures but, rather, only to be subjected to ordinary inspection procedures.

C. Host country travel regulations

22. At the 243rd meeting, the representative of the Russian Federation thanked the host country authorities for the arrangements for the high-level segment of the General Assembly. He noted, however, that the lack of progress in resolving the problem of travel restrictions imposed by the host country on Russian diplomats as well as United Nations officials who are Russian nationals stood in contrast to the otherwise generally effective cooperation between the Russian and United States Missions. He sought to renew discussions with the host country on this issue with a view to finding an early solution.

D. Other matters

23. At the 241st meeting, the representative of China expressed appreciation to the host country authorities for assistance received with regard to the safety and security of the Permanent Representative's residence. She stated that the Mission continued to have difficulties in relation to the new procedures for non-diplomatic members of the Mission to obtain driver's licences. She stated that the Mission had had bilateral discussions on the matter and expressed hope that an early resolution would be found on this matter. She reiterated that the best way forward would be to revert to the old procedures. The representative of China also raised the issue of fuel tax. She stated that, while New York State laws had been adopted on this matter and were in effect, it was regrettable that they had not been implemented properly. She

expressed hope that the host country would clarify the situation and resolve the matter promptly.

24. The representative of the host country thanked the representative of China for her comments on security. With regard to the issuance of driver's licences, the State Department had decided that non-diplomatic members of Permanent Missions would no longer be eligible for the diplomatic driver's licence. However, the Office of Foreign Missions was assisting all non-diplomatic members to ensure that they would be able to obtain driver's licences. On the fuel tax, diplomatic note 07/09 of 27 January 2009 informed all the missions that the New York State Assembly had taken steps to restore direct exemption via credit card. Unfortunately, there continued to be some difficulty in obtaining the cooperation of the credit card issuers with respect to this facility being restored. There were ongoing discussions between the Office of Foreign Missions and those issuers. He added that affected personnel should continue to save their receipts and any relevant documentation so that, when the procedures were finalized, they would be able to receive their reimbursements. The Office of Foreign Missions can assist persons with questions on this issue.

Chapter IV

Recommendations and conclusions

25. At its 244th meeting, on 2 November 2009, the Committee approved the following recommendations and conclusions:

(a) The Committee reaffirms the Headquarters Agreement and the provisions of the 1961 Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations and the 1946 Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations;

(b) Considering that the maintenance of appropriate conditions for the delegations and missions accredited to the United Nations is in the interest of the United Nations and all Member States, the Committee appreciates the efforts made by the host country to that end and anticipates that all issues raised at its meetings, including those referred to below, will be duly settled in a spirit of cooperation and in accordance with international law;

(c) The Committee notes that the observance of privileges and immunities is an issue of great importance. The Committee emphasizes the need to solve, through negotiations, problems that might arise in this regard for the normal functioning of the delegations and the missions accredited to the United Nations. The Committee urges the host country to continue to take appropriate action, such as training of police, security, customs and border control officers, with a view to maintaining respect for diplomatic privileges and immunities. If violations occur, the Committee urges the host country to ensure that such cases are properly investigated and remedied, in accordance with applicable law;

(d) Considering that the security of the missions accredited to the United Nations and the safety of their personnel are indispensable for their effective functioning, the Committee appreciates the efforts made by the host country to this end and anticipates that the host country will continue to take all measures necessary to prevent any interference with the functioning of the missions;

(e) The Committee notes the problems experienced by some permanent missions in connection with the implementation of the Parking Programme and shall remain seized of the matter, with a view to continuously ensuring the proper implementation of the Programme in a manner that is fair, non-discriminatory, effective and therefore consistent with international law;

(f) The Committee requests the host country to continue to bring to the attention of New York City officials reports about other problems experienced by permanent missions or their staff in order to improve the conditions for their functioning and to promote compliance with international norms concerning diplomatic privileges and immunities and to continue to consult with the Committee on these important issues;

(g) The Committee recalls that, in accordance with paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 2819 (XXVI), the Committee shall consider and advise the host country on issues arising in connection with the implementation of the Agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations;

(h) The Committee anticipates that the host country will enhance its efforts to ensure the issuance, in a timely manner, of entry visas to

representatives of Member States pursuant to article IV, section 11, of the Headquarters Agreement to travel to New York on official United Nations business, including to attend official United Nations meetings, and notes that a number of delegations have requested shortening the time frame applied by the host country for issuance of entry visas to representatives of Member States, since this time frame poses difficulties for the full-fledged participation of Member States in United Nations meetings; the Committee also anticipates that the host country will enhance efforts to facilitate participation, including visa issuance, of representatives of Member States in other United Nations meetings, as appropriate;

(i) Concerning travel regulations issued by the host country with regard to personnel of certain missions and staff members of the Secretariat of certain nationalities, the Committee urges the host country to remove the remaining travel restrictions and, in that regard, notes the positions of the affected Member States as reflected in the report, of the Secretary-General and of the host country;

(j) The Committee stresses the importance of permanent missions, their personnel and Secretariat personnel meeting their financial obligations;

(k) The Committee welcomes the participation of Members of the United Nations that are not members of the Committee in its work. The Committee also welcomes the contribution of the Secretariat in its work and emphasizes its importance. The Committee is convinced that its important work has been strengthened by the cooperation of all concerned;

(l) The Committee wishes to reiterate its appreciation to the representative of the United States Mission in charge of host country affairs, to the Host Country Affairs Section of the United States Mission to the United Nations and the Office of Foreign Missions, as well as to those local entities, in particular the New York City Commission for the United Nations, Consular Corps and Protocol, that participate in its meetings and contribute to its efforts to help accommodate the needs, interests and requirements of the diplomatic community and to promote mutual understanding between the diplomatic community and the people of the City of New York.

Annex I

List of topics for consideration by the Committee

1. Question of the security of missions and the safety of their personnel.

2. Consideration of and recommendations on issues arising in connection with the implementation of the Agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations, including:

(a) Entry visas issued by the host country;

(b) Acceleration of immigration and customs procedures;

(c) Exemption from taxes.

3. Responsibilities of permanent missions to the United Nations and their personnel, in particular the problem of claims of financial indebtedness and procedures to be followed with a view to resolving the issues relating thereto.

4. Housing for diplomatic personnel and for Secretariat staff.

5. Question of privileges and immunities:

(a) Comparative study of privileges and immunities;

(b) Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations and other relevant instruments.

6. Host country activities: activities to assist members of the United Nations community.

7. Transportation: use of motor vehicles, parking and related matters.

8. Insurance, education and health.

9. Public relations of the United Nations community in the host city and the question of encouraging the mass media to publicize the functions and status of permanent missions to the United Nations.

10. Consideration and adoption of the report of the Committee to the General Assembly.

Annex II

List of documents

A/AC.154/387	Letter dated 26 June 2009 from the Permanent Representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela addressed to the Secretary-General
A/AC.154/388	Letter dated 5 August 2009 from the Minister Counsellor for Host Country Affairs of the United States Mission to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Conference on Disarmament submits to the sixty-fourth session of the United Nations General Assembly its annual report on its 2009 session, together with the pertinent documents and records.

II. ORGANIZATION OF WORK OF THE CONFERENCE

A. 2009 Session of the Conference

2. The Conference was in session from 19 January to 27 March, 18 May to 3 July and 3 August to 18 September 2009. During this period, the Conference held 45 formal plenary meetings, at which Member States as well as non-Member States invited to participate in the discussions outlined their views and recommendations on the various questions before the Conference.

3. The Conference also held 20 informal plenary meetings on its agenda, programme of work, organization and procedures, as well as on other matters.

4. In accordance with Rule 9 of the Rules of Procedure, the following Member States assumed successively the Presidency of the Conference: Viet Nam, Zimbabwe, Algeria, Argentina, Australia and Austria.

5. At the inaugural meeting of the 2009 session on 20 January, the Secretary-General of the Conference, Mr. Sergei Ordzhonikidze delivered the message of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Ban Ki-moon. Furthermore, at the 1135th plenary meeting on 19 May 2009, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Ban Ki-moon, personally addressed the Conference (CD/PV.1135). The Secretary-General, referring to the new momentum for disarmament provided, *inter alia*, by a number of initiatives by states and their leaders, as well as to his five-point proposal to revitalize the international disarmament agenda, urged the Conference to seize the opportunity to move the disarmament agenda forward. He called upon the Conference to play its proper role as the world's single multilateral negotiation body on disarmament (CD/PV.1118 & CD/PV.1135).

6. In addition, upon the joint invitation of the President of the Conference, Ambassador Le Hoai Trung (Viet Nam) and the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Sergei Ordzhonikidze, the following dignitaries addressed the Conference on Disarmament: Ms. Dipu Moni, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh (CD/PV.1121), Mr. Espen Barth Eide, Deputy Minister of Defense of Norway (CD/PV.1124), Mr. Alberto van Klaveren, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Chile (CD/PV.1128), Mr. Vincenzo Scotti, Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of Italy (CD/PV.1128), Mr. Zéphyrin Mungongo, Vice-Minister of Internal Affairs of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (CD/PV.1129), Mr. Sergei Lavrov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian

Federation (CD/PV.1130), Mr. Mourad Medelci, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Algeria (CD/PV.1132 and CD/PV.1135), Ms. Micheline Calmy-Rey, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland (CD/PV.1135), Ms. Rose Gottemoeller, acting Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security of the United States of America (CD/PV.1140), Mr. Gareth Evans of Australia, who made a statement on the International Commission on Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament (CD/PV.1145), Mr. Yang Jiechi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of China (CD/PV. 1151), Mr. Michael Spindelegger, Federal Minister for European and International Affairs of Austria (CD/PV.1157).

7. In their addresses, these dignitaries, recognizing the importance of the Conference as the single multilateral disarmament negotiating forum, addressed a wide range of issues in the area of disarmament and international security. They welcomed the concerted efforts by the six Presidents, and expressed their support for further efforts by the Conference to reach consensus on starting multilateral negotiations. The Conference welcomed their addresses as expressions of support for its endeavours as the single multilateral negotiation forum in the field of disarmament.

8. The substantive Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament was composed as follows: Mr. Sergei Ordzhonikidze, Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations; Mr. Tim Caughley, Deputy Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and Director of the Geneva Branch, United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (until 28 February 2009); Mr. Jarmo Sareva, Deputy Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and Director of the Geneva Branch, United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (as of 1 September 2009) and Mr. Jerzy Zaleski, Senior Political Affairs Officer, Secretary of the Conference on Disarmament.

B. Participants in the Work of the Conference

9. The representatives of the following 65 Member States participated in the work of the Conference: Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, the Republic of Korea, Romania, the Russian Federation, Senegal, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam and Zimbabwe.

C. Attendance and Participation of States not Members of the Conference

10. In accordance with the Rules of Procedure and the decision taken at its 1990 session on its improved and effective functioning (CD/1036) the Conference received and considered requests for

participation in its work from 44 States not Members of the Conference. Accordingly, the Conference invited the following non-Member States to participate in its work: Albania, Angola, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, the Holy See, Honduras, Iceland, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Latvia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Mauritius, Montenegro, Nepal, Oman, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, the Republic of Moldova, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Slovenia, Tajikistan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Thailand, the United Arab Emirates and Uruguay.

11. The following documents dealing with the issue of attendance and participation of States not Members of the Conference were submitted to the Conference:

(a) CD/1857, entitled "Letter dated 20 January 2009 from the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Turkey addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament regarding the requests for participation in the work of the Conference during 2009 from non-member States";

(b) CD/1858, entitled "Letter dated 22 January 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament regarding the position of Cyprus on the issue raised in document CD/1857 dated 20 January 2009".

D. Agenda and Programme of Work for the 2009 Session

12. At its 1118th plenary meeting on 20 January 2009, following a debate in which the content of the draft agenda presented by the President of the Conference in accordance with Rule 29 of the Rules of Procedure was reviewed, the Conference on Disarmament adopted its agenda for the 2009 session. The agenda (CD/1856) reads as follows:

"Taking into account, inter alia, the relevant provisions of the Final Document of the First Special Session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament, and deciding to resume its consultations on the review of its agenda, and without prejudice to their outcome, the Conference adopts the following agenda for its 2009 session:

1. Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament.

2. Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters.

3. Prevention of an arms race in outer space.

4. Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.

5. New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons.

6. Comprehensive programme of disarmament.

7. Transparency in armaments.

8. Consideration and adoption of the annual report and any other report, as appropriate, to the General Assembly of the United Nations."

13. Subsequently, the President made the following statement: "In connection with the adoption of the agenda, I, as the President of the Conference, should like to state that it is my understanding that if there is a consensus in the Conference to deal with any issues, they could be dealt with within this agenda. The Conference will also take into consideration paragraphs 27 and 30 of the rules of procedure of the Conference."

14. Pursuant to paragraph 53 of the 2008 report of the Conference (CD/1853), the last President of the 2008 session (Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)) and the first President of the 2009 session (Viet Nam) conducted informal consultations during the intersessional period with a view to commencing early substantive work during the 2009 session of the Conference. These consultations were conducted in cooperation with the five incoming Presidents of the 2009 session (Zimbabwe, Algeria, Argentina, Australia and Austria).

15. At the 1121st plenary meeting on 3 February 2009, the President, Ambassador Le Hoai Trung (Viet Nam), reported that his consultations indicated that no consensus had existed in the Conference on a programme of work on the basis of any existing formal or informal proposal to commence negotiations on any issue. He indicated that the Presidency would appoint, under its own responsibility, coordinators for each of the agenda items, without prejudice to any future decision that the Conference might take on its programme of work. Under the authority of the 2009 Presidents, the coordinators would organize and chair debates on the agenda items in a comprehensive manner and without preconditions, taking into account all the relevant past, present and future views and proposals. The coordinators were required to report, in their personal capacity, on the discussions on the various agenda items to the 2009 Presidents, who, in conjunction with each of the coordinators, would finalize the report, under his own responsibility, on progress made on each item. Subsequently, the President announced that the 2009 Presidents of the Conference appointed the following coordinators:

(a) Ambassador Carlos Portales of Chile for agenda items 1 (Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament) and 2 (Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters), with a general focus on nuclear disarmament;

(b) Ambassador Giovanni Manfredi of Italy for agenda items 1 (Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament) and 2 (Prevention of nuclear war, including all

related matters), with a general focus on the prohibition of the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons and other nuclear explosive devices;

(c) Ambassador Marius Grinius of Canada for agenda item 3 (Prevention of an arms race in outer space);

(d) Ambassador Babacar Carlos Mbaye of Senegal for agenda item 4 (Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons);

(e) Ambassador Petko Draganov of Bulgaria for agenda item 5 (New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons);

(f) Ambassador Dayan Jayatilleka of Sri Lanka for agenda item 6 (Comprehensive programme of disarmament);

(g) Ambassador I Gusti Agung Wesaka Puja of Indonesia for agenda item 7 (Transparency in armaments).

16. Under the Presidency of Ambassador Chitsaka Chipaziwa of Zimbabwe, intensive consultations continued towards reaching agreement on a programme of work. Thematic informal debates on the substantive agenda items were conducted by the Coordinators under his Presidency.

17. At the 1135th plenary meeting on 19 May 2009, following broad and intensive consultations, the President, Ambassador Idriss Jazairy of Algeria, submitted a draft decision for the establishment of a Programme of Work for the 2009 session (CD/1863). At subsequent meetings, delegations provided their views on this draft decision.

18. At the 1139th plenary meeting on 29 May 2009, the Conference adopted document CD/1863, entitled "Draft Decision for the establishment of a Programme of Work for the 2009 session". High appreciation was expressed on the adoption, by consensus, of the programme of work under the Presidency of Ambassador Idriss Jazairy of Algeria. Following the adoption, the Decision was circulated as Document CD/1864 and reads as follows:

"The Conference on Disarmament,

In order to provide a programme of work for the Conference which does not prejudice any past, present or future position, proposal or priority of any delegation, nor any commitment undertaken in any other multilateral fora related to disarmament,

In pursuance of its agenda and taking into account the several proposals tabled since 1999 for the programme of work of the Conference on Disarmament,

Without prescribing or precluding any outcome(s) for discussions under paragraphs 1, 3 and 4 below, with a view to enabling future compromise(s) and including the possibility of future negotiations under any agenda item, thus upholding the nature of this forum,

Takes the following decision for the establishment of a Programme of Work for the current session:

1. To establish a Working Group under agenda item 1 entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament" to exchange views and information on practical steps for progressive and systematic efforts to reduce nuclear weapons with the ultimate goal of their elimination, including on approaches toward potential future work of multilateral character.

Pursuant to its mandate, the Working Group shall take into consideration all relevant views and proposals past, present and future.

The Working Group shall present a report on the progress of its work before the end of the current session.

2. To establish a Working Group under agenda item 1 entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament" which shall negotiate a treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, on the basis of the document CD/1299 of 24 March 1995 and the mandate contained therein.

Pursuant to its mandate, the Working Group shall take into consideration all relevant views and proposals past, present and future.

The Working Group shall present a report to the Conference on Disarmament on the progress of its work before the conclusion of the current session.

3. To establish a Working Group under agenda item 3 entitled "Prevention of an arms race in outer space" to discuss substantively, without limitation, all issues related to the prevention of an arms race in outer space.

Pursuant to its mandate, the Working Group shall take into consideration all relevant views and proposals past, present and future.

The Working Group shall present a report to the Conference on Disarmament on the progress of its work before the conclusion of the current session.

4. To establish a Working Group under agenda item 4 entitled "Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons", to discuss substantively, without limitation, with a view to elaborating recommendations dealing with all aspects of this agenda item, not excluding those related to an internationally legally binding instrument.

Pursuant to its mandate, the Working Group shall take into consideration all relevant views and proposals past, present and future.

The Working Group shall present a report to the Conference on Disarmament on the progress of its work before the conclusion of the current session.

5. To appoint a Special Coordinator under agenda item 5 entitled "New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons" to seek the views of its Members on the most appropriate way to deal with this issue.

The Special Coordinator shall take into consideration all relevant views and proposals past, present and future.

The Conference requests the Special Coordinator to present a report before the end of the current session.

6. To appoint a Special Coordinator under agenda item 6 entitled "Comprehensive programme of Disarmament" to seek the views of its Members on the most appropriate way to deal with this issue.

The Special Coordinator shall take into consideration all relevant views and proposals past, present and future.

The Conference requests the Special Coordinator to present a report before the end of the current session.

7. To appoint a Special Coordinator under agenda item 7 entitled "Transparency in armaments" to seek the views of its members on the most appropriate way to deal with the questions related to this item.

The Special Coordinator shall take into consideration all relevant view and proposals past, present and future.

The Conference requests the Special Coordinator to present a report before the end of the current session."

19. At the 1142nd plenary meeting, the President, Ambassador Roberto Garcia Moritan of Argentina, circulated a draft decision on a Schedule of activities for the period 29 June till 18 September 2009 (CD/1866) as well as a Draft decision on the implementation of CD/1864 (CD/1867), which identifies Ambassador Dian Triansyah Djani of Indonesia, Ambassador Jürg Streuli of Switzerland, Ambassador Luiz Filipe de Macedo Soares of Brazil and Ambassador Mykola Maimeskul of Ukraine as Chairpersons for the Working Groups and Ambassador Chitsaka Chipaziwa of Zimbabwe, Ambassador Mabel Gómez Oliver of Mexico and Ambassador Hannu Himanen of Finland as Special Coordinators during the 2009 session of the Conference.

20. At the 1147th plenary meeting, the President, Ambassador Caroline Millar of Australia, circulated a draft decision contained in CD/1870* that combined the previous proposals on the appointment of the Working Group Chairs and the Special Coordinators (CD/1867) and the revised calendar of activities (CD/1866/Rev. 1). Subsequently, following consultations with Members, the President circulated CD/1870/Rev.1.

21. At the 1156th plenary meeting, in an attempt to overcome remaining concerns with respect to the implementation of CD/1864, as contained in CD/1870/Rev.1, and after consultations, including two informal presidential consultations open to all interested delegations, the President, Ambassador Christian Strohal of Austria, circulated a second revision CD/1870/Rev.2.

22. No consensus was reached on any of the proposals referred to in paragraph 19, 20 and 21 above on the implementation of CD/1864; delegations continued their efforts to reach a consensus on the implementation of CD/1864.

23. The following documents dealing with the issue of agenda and programme of work were submitted to the Conference:

(a) CD/1863 dated 19 May 2009 and entitled "Draft Decision for the establishment of a Programme of Work for the 2009 session";

(b) CD/1864 dated 29 May 2009 and entitled "Decision for the establishment of a Programme of Work for the 2009 session";

(c) CD/1866 dated 23 June 2009 and entitled "Schedule of activities from 29 June to 18 September 2009";

(d) CD/1866/Rev.1* dated 30 June 2009 and entitled "Draft schedule of activities from 3 August to 18 September 2009";

(e) CD/1867**, dated 25 June 2009 and entitled "Draft decision on the implementation of CD/1864";

(f) CD/1870*, dated 4 August 2009 and entitled "Draft decision on the implementation of CD/1864 for the 2009 session of the Conference on Disarmament";

(g) CD/1870/Rev.1, dated 6 August 2009 and entitled "Draft decision on the implementation of CD/1864 for the 2009 session of the Conference on Disarmament";

(h) CD/1870/Rev.2, dated 27 August 2009 and entitled "Draft decision on the implementation of CD/1864 for the 2009 session of the Conference on Disarmament"; and

(i) CD/1873 dated 24 August 2009 and entitled "Letter dated 21 August 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan addressed to the President of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting Pakistan's position on the implementation of the Programme of Work (CD/1864) for the 2009 session of the Conference".

E. Expansion of the Membership of the Conference

24. The question of the expansion of the membership of the Conference was addressed by delegations in plenary meetings. Their views on the issue are duly reflected in the plenary records.

25. Since 1982, requests for membership have been received from the following 25 non-Members, in chronological order: Greece, Croatia, Kuwait, Portugal, Slovenia, the Czech Republic, Costa Rica, Denmark, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Cyprus, Lithuania, Ghana, Luxembourg, Uruguay, the Philippines, Azerbaijan, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Armenia, Thailand, Georgia, Jordan, Estonia, Latvia, Malta and Serbia.

F. Review of the Agenda of the Conference

26. The review of the agenda of the Conference was addressed by delegations in plenary meetings. Their views on the issue are duly reflected in the plenary records.

G. Improved and Effective Functioning of the Conference

27. The improved and effective functioning of the Conference was addressed by delegations in plenary meetings. Their views on the issue are duly reflected in the plenary records.

H. Communications from Non-Governmental Organizations

28. In accordance with Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure, a list of communications from non-governmental organizations or their representatives was circulated to the Conference. (CD/NGC/43).

29. To mark the International Women's Day, a statement of the NGO Working Group on Peace of the NGO Committee on the Status of Women related to peace, security and disarmament issues was read by the President of the Conference on Disarmament at the 1129th plenary meeting on 5 March 2009 (CD/PV.1129). Subsequently, several delegations expressed the view that next year the statement should be delivered by one of its authors.

30. On 28 May 2009, the Conference, under the Presidency of Ambassador Idriss Jazairy of Algeria, held an informal meeting at which a number of NGOs made statements on issues related to the agenda items of the Conference. Several delegations expressed the hope that this initiative would enhance the interaction between civil society and the Conference with regard to the work of the Conference.

31. On 8 September 2009, the Conference, in line with the decision taken at the 946th plenary meeting in 2004, held an informal meeting under the Presidency of Ambassador Christian Strohal of Austria, during which the Geneva NGO Committee for Disarmament addressed the Conference. Several delegations welcomed the address and reiterated their hope of enhanced interaction between civil society and the Conference with regard to the work of the Conference.

III. SUBSTANTIVE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE DURING ITS 2009 SESSION

32. The 2009 Presidents of the Conference appointed Coordinators for agenda items 1 to 7. The Coordinators, under the authority of the 2009 Presidents, chaired informal meetings and reported to the Presidents on their results. On 15 September 2009, the President, Ambassador Christian Strohal of Austria, on behalf of the 2009 Presidents, addressed a letter to the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the reports of the seven Coordinators prepared in their personal capacity and submitted to the 2009 Presidents on the work done by those Coordinators during the 2009 session (CD/1877).

33. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on the agenda items. These positions are duly recorded in the related official documents, as well as plenary records of the session.

34. The list of documents issued by the Conference, as well as the texts of those documents, are included as Appendix I to this report. An index of the verbatim records, by country and by subject, listing the statements made by delegations during 2009, and the verbatim records of the formal plenary meetings of the Conference, are attached as Appendix II to the report.

35. The Conference had before it a letter dated 22 January 2009 from the Secretary-General of the United Nations (CD/1855) transmitting the resolutions and decisions on disarmament and international security matters adopted by the General Assembly at its sixty-third session in 2008, including those making specific reference to the Conference on Disarmament. The latter are listed below:

63/36 Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons: report of the Conference on disarmament (operative paragraphs 2, 3, 4 and 5)

63/39 Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons (operative paragraphs 2, 3, 4 and 5)

63/40 Prevention of an arms race in outer space (operative paragraphs 2, 5, 6 and 8)

63/43 Regional disarmament (operative paragraph 1)

63/44 Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels (operative paragraph 2)

63/46 Nuclear disarmament (operative paragraphs 14, 15, 19 and 20)

63/69 Transparency in armaments (operative paragraphs 5 (b) and 7)

63/73 Renewed determination towards the total elimination of nuclear weapons (operative paragraphs 11 and 12)

63/75 Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons (operative paragraphs 1 and 2)

63/82 Report of the Conference on Disarmament (operative paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7)

63/83 Report of the Disarmament Commission (operative paragraphs 5 and 10)

A. Cessation of the Nuclear Arms Race and Nuclear Disarmament

36. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

37. The following documents dealing with this agenda item were submitted to the Conference:

(a) CD/1854, entitled "Letter dated 18 December 2008 addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament by the Permanent Representative of the French Republic to the Conference, transmitting a copy of a letter addressed to the Secretary-General by the French Minister for Foreign and European affairs, Mr. Bernard Kouchner, accompanied by a letter from the President of the French Republic to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and by the statement on strengthening international security adopted by the European Council on 11 December 2008";

(b) CD/1859, entitled "Letter dated 13 March 2009 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the text of the statement by the President of the Russian Federation on the conclusion of an agreement with the United States of America to succeed the Treaty on the reduction and limitation of strategic offensive arms (START I)";

(c) CD/1860, entitled "Letter dated 27 March 2009 from the Deputy Permanent Representative of the French Republic to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference concerning the visit to the former military facilities at Pierrelatte and Marcoule";

(d) CD/1861, entitled "Letter dated 20 April 2009 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation and the Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission of the United States of America to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General

of the Conference transmitting the text of the Joint Statement by Mr. Dmitriy A. Medvedev, President of the Russian Federation and Mr. Barack Obama, President of the United States of America, regarding negotiations on further reductions in Strategic Offensive Arms, made in London on 1 April 2009";

(e) CD/1862, entitled "Letter dated 20 April 2009 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation and the Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission of the United States of America to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the text of the Joint Statement by Mr. Dmitriy A. Medvedev, President of the Russian Federation and Mr. Barack Obama, President of the United States of America, made in London on 1 April 2009";

(f) CD/1868, entitled "Letter dated 13 July 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Italy to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the "L'Aquila statement on non-proliferation" adopted by the Heads of State and Government of G8 Member Countries during the Summit held in L'Aquila on 8 July 2009";

(g) CD/1869, entitled "Letter dated 16 July 2009 from the Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission of the United States of America and the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the text of the "Joint Understanding for further reductions and limitations of Strategic Offensive Arms", signed by Mr. Barack Obama, President of the United States of America and Mr. Dmitriy A. Medvedev, President of the Russian Federation in Moscow on 6 July 2009";

(h) CD/1871, entitled "Letter dated 12 August 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan addressed to the President of the Conference transmitting the text of the press release issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Pakistan entitled "Pakistan subscribes to the goals of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation"";

(i) CD/1875, entitled "Letter dated 25 August 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Egypt addressed to the President of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the paragraphs of the introduction and section on disarmament and international security of the Final Document of the XV Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Non-Aligned Movement held in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt from 11 to 16 July 2009"; and

(j) CD/1878, entitled "Letter dated 16 September 2009 from the Permanent Representatives of Canada, Japan and the Netherlands to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the text of the "draft for discussion prepared by the International Panel on Fissile Materials: A treaty banning the production of fissile materials for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, with article-by-article explanations" dated 2 September 2009".

38. In accordance with the Organizational Framework (CD/WP.553), the Coordinator on agenda items 1 entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament" and 2 entitled "Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters", with a general focus on nuclear disarmament, Ambassador Carlos Portales (Chile), held two informal meetings on 9 and 23 February 2009, and reported orally on 10 March 2009 (CD/1877, Annex I).

39. In accordance with the Organizational Framework (CD/WP.553), the Coordinator on agenda items 1 entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament" and 2 entitled "Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters", with a general focus on the prohibition of the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons and other explosive devices, Ambassador Giovanni Manfredi (Italy), held two informal meetings on 10 and 24 February 2009, and reported orally on 10 March 2009 (CD/1877, Annex II).

B. Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters

40. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

C. Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space

41. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

42. The following documents dealing with this item were submitted to the Conference:

(a) CD/1865, entitled "Canada: Working Paper: On the merits of some transparency and confidence-building measures and treaty proposals for space security";

(b) CD/1872, entitled "Letter dated 18 August 2009 from the Permanent Representative of China and the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting answers to the principal questions and comments on the draft "Treaty on Prevention of the Placement of Weapons in Outer Space and of the Threat or Use of Force against Outer Space Objects (PPWT)" introduced by the Russian Federation and China and issued as document CD/1839 dated 29 February 2008";

(c) CD/1874*, entitled "Letter dated 14 August 2009 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting updated proposals by the Russian Federation relating to the report by the United Nations Secretary-General on "Transparency and confidence-building measures in outer space activities", prepared in pursuance of United Nations General Assembly resolution 63/68";

(d) CD/1875, entitled "Letter dated 25 August 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Egypt addressed to the President of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the paragraphs of the introduction and section on disarmament and international security of the Final Document of the XV Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Non-Aligned Movement held in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt from 11 to 16 July 2009"; and

(e) CD/1876, entitled "Letter dated 4 September 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Canada to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the report of the conference organized by UNIDIR entitled "Space Security 2009: Moving towards a Safer Space Environment" held from 15 to 16 June 2009 in Geneva".

43. In accordance with the Organizational Framework (CD/WP.553), the Coordinator on agenda item 3 entitled "Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space", Ambassador Marius Grinius (Canada), held 2 informal meetings on 10 and 24 February 2009, and reported orally on 10 March 2009 (CD/1877, Annex III).

D. Effective International Arrangements to Assure Non-Nuclear-Weapon States against the Use or Threat of Use of Nuclear Weapons

44. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

45. In accordance with the Organizational Framework (CD/WP.553), the Coordinator on agenda item 4 entitled "Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons", Ambassador Babacar Carlos Mbaye (Senegal), held 2 informal meetings on 12 and 26 February 2009, and reported orally on 10 March 2009 (CD/1877, Annex IV).

46. The following document dealing with this item was submitted to the Conference:

CD/1875, entitled "Letter dated 25 August 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Egypt addressed to the President of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the paragraphs of the introduction and section on disarmament and international security of the Final Document of the XV Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Non-Aligned Movement held in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt from 11 to 16 July 2009".

E. New Types of Weapons of Mass Destruction and New Systems of Such Weapons; Radiological Weapons

47. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

48. In accordance with the Organizational Framework (CD/WP.553), the Coordinator on agenda item 5 entitled "New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons: radiological weapons", Ambassador Petko Draganov (Bulgaria), held 2 informal meetings on 16 February and 2 March 2009, and reported orally on 10 March 2009 (CD/1877, Annex V).

49. The following document dealing with this item was submitted to the Conference:

> CD/1875, entitled "Letter dated 25 August 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Egypt addressed to the President of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the paragraphs of the introduction and section on disarmament and international security of the Final Document of the XV Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Non-Aligned Movement held in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt from 11 to 16 July 2009".

F. Comprehensive Programme of Disarmament

50. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

51. In accordance with the Organizational Framework (CD/WP.553), the Coordinator on agenda item 6 entitled "Comprehensive programme of disarmament", Ambassador Dayan Jayatilleka (Sri Lanka), held 2 informal meetings on 27 February and 3 March 2009, and reported orally on 10 March 2009 (CD/1877, Annex VI).

G. Transparency in Armaments

52. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on the agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

53. In accordance with the Organizational Framework (CD/WP.553), the Coordinator on agenda item 7 entitled "Transparency in armaments", Ambassador I Gusti Agung Wesaka Puja of Indonesia, held 2 informal meetings on 17 February and 5 March, and reported orally on 10 March 2009 (CD/1877, Annex VII).

H. Consideration of Other Areas Dealing with the Cessation of the Arms Race and Disarmament and Other Relevant Measures

54. No documents were submitted on this subject during the 2009 session of the Conference.

I. Consideration and Adoption of the Annual Report of the Conference and Any Other Report as Appropriate to the General Assembly of the United Nations

55. With the positive momentum provided, *inter alia*, by a number of initiatives by states and their leaders relevant to the work of the Conference and by the adoption by consensus of CD/1864 establishing the Programme of Work for the 2009 session, and with a view to early commencement of substantive work during its 2010 session, the Conference requested the current President and the incoming President to conduct consultations during the intersessional period and, if possible, make recommendations taking into account all relevant proposals, past, present and future, including those submitted as documents of the Conference on Disarmament, views presented and discussions held, and to endeavour to keep the membership of the Conference informed, as appropriate, of their consultations.

56. The Conference decided that the dates for its 2010 session would be:

First part: 18 January – 26 March

Second part: 31 May – 16 July

Third part: 9 August – 24 September

57. The annual report to the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, as adopted by the Conference on 17 September 2009, is transmitted by the President on behalf of the Conference on Disarmament.

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